OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF BOOKS
REGISTERED
21 JUN 1916
MADRAS.

27th February, 1916.

St. Andrew's Church, Madras

Joint Chaplain.—Rev. Neil Meldrum, M.A., B.D., 2, Victoria Crescent, Egmore.
Kirk Session.—The Chaplain, J. R. Atkinson Esq., W. A. Beardsell Esq., Dr. J. R. Henderson, W. Hutton Esq., W. Lamb Esq., A. C. Puddephatt Esq., R. W. Ross Esq., Capt. A. J. H. Russell, Col. R. Robertson, J. F. Simpson Esq., and W. A. Turner Esq.
Church Officer—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.
Organist and Choirmaster—R. L. Hird Esq., Roundhay, Chetput.
Free School Headmistress—Mrs. Bennet, St. Andrew's Free School.
Dorcas Society Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Goodwood, Kilpauk.
Women's Guild Secretary—Mrs. Turner, The Priory, Mount Road.
Women's Guild Treasurer—Mrs. F. Thomas, Buckingham Gardens, Perambur.
Sunday School Superintendent—H. P. Ashworth Esq., Kalamunda, Nungambakum.
School Visitation Secretary—Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell, Luttrell's Gardens, Kilpauk.
Honorary Auditor—H. P. Ashworth Esq., Nungambakum.

Church Notices

SITTINGS AND MAGAZINES—Application for vacant sittings should be made to the Clerk, with whom should also be lodged orders for the Monthly Parish Magazine (Rs. 2 per annum), and the Indian Quarterly, *St. Andrew* (8 annas per annum). To seat holders *Life and Work*, with local Supplement, is supplied free. Copies of the Hymnary, Psalter, and Anthem Book, with or without music, may also be purchased from the Church Clerk.

HOURS OF SERVICE—Divine Service is held on Sundays at 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. Choir Practice on Thursdays at 6-15 P.M.

HOLY COMMUNION—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed after evening service on the first Sunday of every quarter, and after morning service on the sixth Sunday of the quarter.

BAPTISM—The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church on Thursday evenings, or on Sundays after the morning service.

FUNERALS—Funerals should be arranged through an Undertaker.

ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY—St. Andrew's Cemetery is, by Government order, reserved for the burial of *bona fide* members of St. Andrew's Church and Presbyterian soldiers; and the sanction of the Chaplain has to be obtained.

FREE SCHOOL—There is an Industrial Class in connection with the Free School. Orders for towels, dusters, etc., may be sent to Mrs. Atkinson, "Goodwood," Kilpauk, or to the Church Clerk. The money thus earned helps to defray the salary of an extra teacher.

WOMEN'S GUILD—The Women's Guild meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 4-30 P.M.

Church Notes

Holy Communion.—There were 51 communicants at Holy Communion on Sunday morning, February 13th, among the Communicants being their Excellencies Lord and Lady Pentland. The following Catechumens were admitted to the membership of the Church and are commended to the Christian fellowship of the congregation :—

Mary Daniel	Florence Daniel
Lottie Davey	Florence Vieira
Sybil Taylor	Percival deCruz

The next celebration of Holy Communion will be held on the first Sunday of April at evening service.

Admission of Elders.—The Kirk Session being of opinion that the time had come to add to its numbers, and being satisfied that they are duly qualified made choice of Messrs. Arthur Charles Puddephatt and William Arthur Turner to be members of the Kirk Session. No objections having been offered, these two gentlemen were solemnly ordained

and admitted to the Eldership at evening service on Sunday, February 20th, in presence of a large congregation. At the close of the service the members of the Session went in procession to the Vestry where the new members received the hand of fellowship signed the formula and had their names added to the Roll. Both Mr. Turner and Mr. Puddephatt have had a long and intimate connection with St. Andrew's Church and their appointment is not only a recognition of their services but a great acquisition of strength to the Kirk Session.

Special Collections.—It was very gratifying to find that the special offering on behalf of the War work of the Y. M. C. A. realised Rs. 157. I hope that the offering will be equally liberal on the last Sunday of February when the annual offering for the work of the Church of Scotland Women's Mission at Kilpauk is being taken. The work of the Mission there has increased greatly in recent years, new buildings have had to be purchased or put up and at the present moment the Mission lies under a debt of over Rs. 2,000, for the liquidation of which little may be expected from home in the future. There is an opportunity for the congregation to make a substantial contribution towards the clearing off this debt and I trust we shall rise to the occasion.

Free School.—Now that the Inspector has come and gone the work of the school has settled down to its ordinary course. It would be a very encouraging thing for the teachers and the children if more members of the congregation would pay an occasional visit to see how things are getting on. Visitors for the last month included Miss Macphail, the Misses Bannerman, Miss Rowson and Mrs. Taylor Mitchell.

As many of the children come from the small-pox infested parts of the city the Medical Officer of health advised vaccination with the result that an officer came to school one day and vaccinated all the children. If one may draw any inferences from the results, it was just as well that the vaccination was set about without loss of time.

I have also to thank the following ladies for various gifts : Miss Stephenson and Mrs. Bennett for old clothes, Mrs. Atkinson for sweets, Miss Rowson for buns and Mrs. Meldrum for new Sunday suits for 15 of the younger boys.

Sunday School.—The numbers of the Sunday School have begun to sag as they usually do at this time of the year, but the decreased attendance is mostly due to the absence of those who have a perfect dissipation of Sunday Schools on Sunday. It has been a great help indeed that the Misses Thompson have come forward to teach in the school in which several years ago they were pupils.

Wedding, Organe—Townend.—On Friday, January 20th, a pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Andrew's (the Kirk) between Mr. F. Keith Organe, of Messrs. Gordon, Woodroffe & Co., and Miss Violet Eleanor Townend, of Ealing. The sacred building was tastefully decorated with chrysanthemums and other flowers. The bride arrived at the Church, in company with the Rev. W. E. H. Organe, and was led up to the altar. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. J. D. Shores, of Messrs. Gordon, Woodroffe & Co., while Miss May Spencer, of Kodaikanal, fulfilled the duties of bridesmaid. Masters Geoffery and David Organe were the page boys and did their duty well in scattering flowers before the married couple as they came out of the Church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Neil Meldrum, the Chaplain, assisted by the Rev. W. E. H. Organe. After the singing of the first hymn, "The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden," the usual marriage Service of the Church of Scotland was carried through, and was brought to a close by the singing of the concluding hymn, "Oh happy Home, where thou art loved the dearest."

After signing the Register, the party proceeded to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. H. Organe, at Victoria Crescent, where a considerable number of guests gathered to wish the newly married couple all happiness and prosperity.

The Industrial Class.—I have had great pleasure in looking through the accounts of the Industrial Class sent me by the Hon. Secretary Mrs. Atkinson. The amount earned during the year came to over Rs. 1,300, on which, when all expenses had been paid, there remains a clear profit of nearly Rs. 300, a most satisfactory result in view of the rise in price of materials. The profit has been credited to the Dorcas Society to be used for the benefit of the School. I take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Atkinson most warmly for all her patient and unobtrusive work on behalf of this class and of the school and I recommend ladies who are in need of towels, dusters, etc., to study the Free School notice on the front page of this Magazine.

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Women's Guild

Soldiers' Entertainment.—It was a very great disappointment that, owing to the epidemic of small-pox, the entertainment to the soldiers had to be put off. But I understand that the restrictions placed upon the soldiers are being gradually removed and it is likely that the entertainment will be given in the near future.

Work of the Guild.—During these days the ladies are busily engaged upon work for the War Depot. Since last month 56 shirts, 12 pyjamas, 8 pairs socks, and 2 scarves have been sent in a very creditable month's work. A bundle of clothes has also been sent to the St. George's Homes, including one dozen night-gowns, 2 pyjamas and 8 petticoats.

Annual Meeting.—It is proposed to hold the Annual Meeting of the Guild early in March when the election of office-bearers will take place. It is hoped that Mrs. Moffat will be able to come then and give an account of her experiences in the War Hospitals in France.

Appreciation.—The following extract from a letter written by Miss Wemyss, the Convener of the Madras Sub-Committee of the Church of Scotland Women's Association for Foreign Missions, may be of interest to members of the Guild. "I wish to thank you most warmly on behalf of the Madras Sub-Committee as from myself as Convener for the St. Andrew's W. G.'s very kind and generous contribution of Rs. 300 towards the clearing of the Georgetown School Account. The news was received by our ladies at a meeting some days ago with great pleasure and gratitude and we hope you will convey to all the members of the Guild our most sincere and heartfelt thanks for this welcome and encouraging gift."

Y. M. C. A.—The ladies of the Guild have decided to hold an entertainment on March 25th, the proceeds of which are to be sent to the Fund for the War Work carried on by the Y. M. C. A. at the Front. Last year's entertainment for the Serbian and Belgian Relief Funds was eminently successful and this one for a cause equally deserving is sure to meet with equal success. More detailed information will be given later on from the pulpit and in advertisements.

COLLECTIONS, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

1916			Rs.	A.	P.
January	2nd, Ordinary	...	93	5	4
„	9th „	...	61	7	4
„	16th „	...	62	3	9
„	23rd „	...	73	11	8
„	30th, Y. M. C. A.	...	157	0	0
	Total	...	447	12	1

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Baptisms

"*Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not.*"

January 17th, 1916—Edmund William, son of Percy Hubert and Sybil Winifred Mathews.

Marriages

"*What God hath joined, let not man put asunder.*"

January 28th, 1916—Francis Keith Organe to Violet Eleanor Townend.

January 29th, 1916— Forbes Duncan Donald Anderson to Margaret Grieve Reid Maule.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for December, 1915

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To Advance Free School ...	250	0	0
,, Seat Rents	98	0	0	,, Church Choir pay for Nov. 1915	76	0	0
,, Church Collections	441	14	6	,, ,, Establishment ,, ,,	188	0	0
,, Special Donation, A. C. Fund ...	50	0	0	,, M. E. S. Co. current for ,, ,,	10	12	0
,, Organ Practice	10	0	0	,, Printing	18	12	0
,, Sale of grass (December, 1915)...	20	0	0	,, Electric lamps (Siemens) ...	10	4	0
,, Donation for one fan for school	150	0	0	,, Anthem and Chorus Music ...	12	7	0
,, Refunds and interest ...	37	2	0	,, Addl. Clergy Fund	100	0	0
				,, Messrs. Misquith (Tuning) ...	25	0	0
				,, Charity Fund, Xmas Collections	179	0	9
				,, Miscellaneous	9	11	6
				Balance Credit this Account ...	34	1	3
Total ...	916	0	6	Total ...	916	0	6

II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for December, 1915

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	100	0	0	To Establishment, November, 1915	204	0	0
,, Subscriptions	11	0	0	,, Food for December, 1915 ...	65	15	0
,, Advance, Kirk Session Fund ...	250	0	0	,, Drill costumes and prizes ...	33	13	0
,, Refunds	10	0	0	,, Teachers' Aid for 1916 ...	6	8	0
,, Advance, Kirk Session Fund on account Electric Installation.	500	0	0	,, Miscellaneous	6	3	0
				,, Messrs. Siemens Brothers ...	500	0	0
				Balance Credit this Account ...	54	9	0
Total ...	871	0	0	Total ...	871	0	0

III.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for January, 1916

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To Advance Free School ...	75	0	0
,, Seat Rents	194	0	0	,, Church Choir for December, 1915	76	0	0
,, Church Collections	447	12	1	,, ,, Establishment ,, ,,	185	14	8
,, Organ Practice	10	0	0	,, Metht. Printing House for printing	21	10	0
,, Sale of grass (January, 1916) ...	20	0	0	,, M. E. S. Co. Current for Dec. 1915	12	4	0
,, Special donation for Lights and Fans (School)	50	0	0	,, "Life and Work" for 1916 ...	74	9	0
,, Refunds	10	0	0	,, Organ blowers (pupils) ...	8	0	0
				,, Grass contractor, deposit refunded	20	0	0
				,, Y.M.C.A., special collection ...	157	0	0
				,, Miscellaneous	8	2	6
				Balance Credit this Account ...	202	3	11
Total ...	840	12	1	Total ...	840	12	1

IV.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for January, 1916

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant, 1916 ...	1,200	0	0	To Refunds	775	0	0
,, Advance, Kirk Session Fund ...	75	0	0	,, Establishment	204	0	0
,, Donation	25	0	0	,, Food for January, 1916 ...	62	15	0
,, Subscriptions	41	0	0	,, Books, etc.	25	10	9
,, Refund	10	0	0	Balance Credit this Account ...	283	6	3
Total ...	1,351	0	0	Total ...	1,351	0	0

NEIL MELDRUM, *Joint Chaplain.*

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